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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

DOCKET NO. 11443/158	APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/676,046	EXAMINER John P. Leubecker	ART UNIT 3739
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Date: April 26, 2007

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This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. **10/676,046** filed on **September 30, 2003**, entitled **SELF CONTAINED STERILIZABLE ENDOSCOPE**.

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ X Amendment
☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission: _____

Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless the applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

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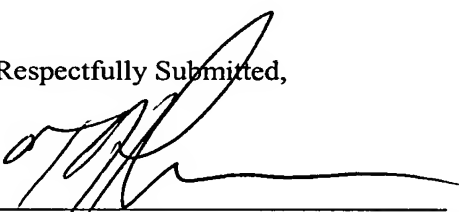
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						790.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	78		82	0	50.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3		3	0	200.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					390.00	0.00
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	790.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						SMALL ENTITY TOTAL
						395.00

2. Please charge the required small entity RCE and submission filing fee of **\$395.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. The Advisory Action mailed April 11, 2007, set a two-month period of time from December 26, 2006, (filing of the Notice of Appeal) for responding. The two-month period of time for responding expired on February 26, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time for responding to the Advisory Action. The two-month extension of time expires on April 26, 2007.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the small entity extension fee of **\$225.00** (the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Dated: April 26, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

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